Setting up of budget hotels

2078. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up budget hotels adjoining to key railway stations for the lodging-cum-boarding facilities to rail passengers in the country particularly in Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also decided to give railway land to the private parties for making budget hotels on lease basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The Railways has identified various potential stations all over the country, including a few railway stations in Maharashtra, for establishing Budget Hotels on 30 years' lease and revenue sharing basis through public-private-participation. The various stations identified in Maharashtra are Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal (CST), Mumbai Central, Nagpur, Shirdi and Pune.

Redevelopment plan for New Delhi station

†2079. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a redevelopment plan was formulated for New Delhi railway station in view to control the recurrence of incidents took place thereat in past few years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this station is yet to be developed whereas lakhs of people visit there on daily basis;

(c) if so, the reasons for such a negligence;

(d) if not, the details thereof and by when the above redevelopment plan is likely to be completed;

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(e) whether Government are considering to equip the above station with facilities of international level; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, improvement of infrastructural facilities at important stations like New Delhi is a continuous process. Works in this regard are sanctioned and executed regularly. The station is also equipped to handle lakhs of passengers every day. To meet the future increase in passenger traffic, many development works including construction of new station building on Ajmeri Gate have been sanctioned. There is as such no negligence on the part of Railway Administration in this regard.

(d) to (f) Railway has planned to develop New Delhi Railway Station into World class station through the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA). Discussions with other Government departments and local bodies such as Ministry of Urban Development, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Corporation, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Government of Delhi etc. have also been held for formulation of the scheme.

Construction of overbridge at Dumraon

†2080. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers have to cross rail tracks for arriving at platform at Dumraon railway station on Mughalsarai-Patna section due to damage to overbridge thereat;

(b) whether it is also a fact that construction material for the said overbridge is lying there for over a year and not being utilised;

(c) if so, the reasons for such delay; and

(d) the action being taken to construct the said bridge at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The material collected is not meant for the repairs of the existing Foot Over Bridge but for construction of new Foot Over

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